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Calculated by the famous Doctor in Astrologie, Maister *Iohn Cypriano*, conferred with the iudgements of *Iames Marchecelsus*, and *Sinnior Guiuardo*, three excellent Astronomers vnder the Emperour of Christendom: sent out of *Germanie* into *Italy*, to the Vniuersitie of *Padua*, to the rarest Nigromancer in the world.

Whereunto is annexed Tarquatus Vandermers *seauen yeares study* in the Arte of Magick, vpon the twelue moneths of the yeare, where many secrets are reueald vnto the world.

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O Xford and Cambridge, VVittenberge and Padua, you glorious Vniuerſities of Chriſtendome, take truce for a ſeaſon vvith your deepe inſpiring ſciences, and vouchſafe to fixe your inienious iudgements vppon this rare and vvonderfull Prophefie, calculated by the famous and excellent Doctor in Aſtrologie, Maiſter Iohn Cypriano Aſtronomer vnder the Emperour of Chriſtendome, agreeable to the iudgements of Iames Marchecelſus, and Sinnior Guiuardo, tvvo learned Clarkes in Germanie, the like vvas neuer published in any age: for the angry heauens by fearefull viſions, foredooming Commets, and ſtrange coniunction of Planets, dooth prognoſticate to this ſynfull vvorld, the alteration of kingdomes, fall of Princes, ouerthrovv of common-vvealths, deſolation of countries, the ruine of Cities, Tovvnes, and Villages, earthquakes, flouds, and mighty tempeſts, vvherby the vvhole vvorld vvill be greatly anoyde, alſo by the variable courſe of the ellements, all nations vnder the cercute of the ſunne, vvill be grieuouſly vexed vvith bloudie vvarres, famine, death, ſcarſitie, vvith many other

strange and fearefull accidents, aswell in Europe as in Affrica and Asia, all which is for our wickednesse and syrnes, wherein the whole earth is drowned as in a quite, past all recouerie, except the majesty of God be mercifull vnto auoide the manifolde miseries that is likely to fall vpon the face of the earth: and our learned Astrologitians hath published this fearefull and wonderfull prophesie to mooue vs to a penitent life, that God may withhold his grieuous scorge from vs: Mystically set downe, for a Glasse or example to them that vnderstand and are wise to looke into: and for a disdaine and reproofe to them that are foolish, as hereafter followeth.

In the Northerne borders of the earth, is scituated a Forrest triangle wise, inuironed with a wall of Brasse, from which forrest shall flie a fortunate fowle that shall swim euen to the borders of Affrica, and there light vpon a goulden Tree, from whence shee shall pull three branches of golde, and so triumphantly returne backe to the Forrest againe: at which there shall an Eagle that buildes her nest vpon a golden steeple so much repine, and send foorth many secret fiers to burne and waste the said Forrest, but euery one shal be quenched and quite extinguished before the blaze

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be kindled. Many Princes of the earth shall seeke by pollicy to hunt therein, but at the gates thereof shall take a great repulse: so fortunate and fruitefull shall this Forrest be, and so inuincible her towers of brasse, that all the kingdomes of the earth shall admire her fortitude, and grace her with the title of that blessed Parradice, which God gaue Adam at the worlds creation. After this the Sea shall be mightier then the land, for there the corners of the world shall meete and fight a terrible battell, wherein a mighty man shall be ouerthrowne.

In the West shall lurke a bloudie Serpent in a Denne, which hath not seene the light these many yeares, but yet this bloudie Serpent shall haue many stings, which shall stretche into all the corners of Europe, and be annoyance to the whole state of Christendome: Then from the Northe shall come a Dragon, that shall breake out the Serpents teeth, and pluck foorth his stings that he shall neither bite nor sting, yet shall the Serpent keepe his Den, and receiue succour from the Eagle in the goulden steeple.

In the South shall liue a Woolfe vpon the commons bloud, and quaffe downe townes into his thirstie throate but in the middest of his bloudie banquet shall he choake himselfe and die.

Out of the East shall come a dismall blacke Dogge, that like a theefe by night shall enter Germanie in vvhich enterprise he shall loose one of his limbes, and so depart vvith such a yeelping sound, at vvhich the limmits of Affrica and Asia shall quake. This Dogge shall aftervvard forsake his maister, and choose him a nevv name, vvhereby the Scriptures shall be fulfilled. This Dog doth signifie the Turke, vvhich shall forsake his Mahomet, and choose to him the name of Christian, vvhich is a sygne the day of doombe is at hand, vvhen all the earth is subiect to one God.

The Flovver de Luce and France, shall liue long at varience, but at length agree.

The bovvels of Spaine shall be split in sunder, and deuided for vvant of gouernment, euen in those dayes vvhen the golden steeple shall be consumed vvith fire, euen that seauen headed cittie, novv more brauer then Ierusalem shall be a place more desolate then Ierusalem. Then shall the cleare vvorde spring foorth and florish thorough the vvorld, vvhich neuer shall be taken from vs againe, after this a milke vvhite Doue shal be lifted vp to honour by tvvo goulden Lions, and receiue a crovvne of goulde.

But after all these things shall the end of the vvorld approach, therefore shall there be heauie and pittifull dayes vvith much vvarres and other alterations of the vvorld, all vvhich is likely to ensue this yeare follovving.

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IANVARIE.

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In the moneth of Ianuarie, the angrie heauens doe foretell, vpon that land vvhere most sin and vvicked-

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neſſe dooth abound, shall raigne a shovver of bloud continuing for the ſpace of an houre, vvhich dooth prognoſticate the deſtruction of that vnhappie re-gion.

FEBRVARIE.

In February, rumours of vvars shall fill the eares of all nations, euery kingdome vnder the frame of heauen shall muſter vveli approoued ſouldiers: traffick by ſea shall be denied betvvixt land and land, and euery coun-trey shall be forſt to liue vpon his ovvne.

MARCHE.

In Marche, the maine Seas shall be ſo troubled vvith mighty tempeſts and vvindes, that they shall ſvvell aboue their bankes, and ouerflovve an iſland vvhere the double croſſe hath gouernment, onely be-cauſe the ſinnes of the Prince is ſo hainous before the Maieſtie of God.

APRILL.

In Aprill shall happen ſuch a terrible battell on the ſea, vvhereby the vvater vvill be turned to the couler of bloud, more ſanguinlike then is the redde ſeas: God

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for his mercy turne it to the best and defend our innocent and spotlesse bloud of England.

MAYE.

In Maye the earth shall be ouer burthened with bloudie warres, and some nations shall furnish forth so many souldiers, whereby the land shall be so desolate of men, that seauen women shall be constrained to follow one man.

IVNE.

In Iune, a prouince in the Easterne climbes shall fight in the defence of a wrongfull cause, at which the Maiestie of God will threaten vengeance, and raine downe fire from the throne of heauen, and so burne those wicked people in their tents of warre.

IVLIE.

In Iuly, the weather will be so extreame heate, whereby Souldiers shall not be able to weare their armour, and likewise multitudes shall die for want of water, the earth shall be so parcht with heate that it can yeelde no foode for Cattell.

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AVGVST.

In August, such a grieuous plague and mortallitie vvill couer the face of the vvhole earth, that there shall not be sufficient left a liue to gaither in their harueſt frutes, in vvhich moneth shall come out of the East such svvarmes of Fovvles and Flyes, that vvill deuoure the corne from the ground, and vvhere they goe, leaue the earth barren: Oh times of sorrovve: oh times of vvoes, oh times of more distresse then vvas that time of famine in Ierusalem: you horders vp of Corne, repent, repent, your crueltie against the poore, for your extreame couetousnesse the vvhole earth vvill be accurst: yet God I hope vvill heare the prayers of the faithfull, and defend his nevv Ierusalem from such distresse.

SEPTEMBER.

In September, the earth vvill be so vnnaturall, that all manner of Cattell vvill rotte aboue the ground, vvhereof vvill breede such store of varmin, that the earth vvill be impoysoned, and vvill receiue no fruite to encrease.

OCTO.

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OCTOBER.

In October, such a famine and dearth of Corne vvill raigne, that in some countryes the Childe vvill sterue vvhilest it is sucking at the mothers brest, onely because the mother can get no foode to nourish her selfe nor it.

NOVEMBER.

In November, a triumphant conquest shall be bruited throughout the vvorlde, of an vvorthy conquerour that takes peace vvith all the earth, and sets it in a quiet staye.

DESEMBER.

In December all vvarres shall end, religion preached truely throughout the vvorld, all things vnited vp in peace, treasons and rebellions neuer thought vpon: thus all things brought to passe, vvill come that happie time the blessed soules in heauen doe continually pray for

THerefore England cast of thy cloake of sinne, thy vvoedes of vvickednesse: no doubt but God for his elect and chosen sake, vvill spare this happy Iland,

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vvhere his Gospell is truely preached: and let this Prophesie be fulfilled vpon those misbeleeuing nations, that make a scorne of thy most blessed vvorde, and Lorde vve beseech thee, bridle vp the Turke, that rageth against the happy state of Israell, confound the popish Antichrist, vvith his confederate the King of Spaine, vvith all the residue of Englands enemies, that intends the ouerthrovv of thy nevv Ierusalem, that vve may sing all holy, holy, holy, to the mightie God of Israell.

Amen.

FINIS.